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SUBJECT ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 65 EAST OF BAN NAKAY NEUA

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SUMMARY: ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DATED [redacted] REVEALED A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 65 FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER TO THE BAN NAKAY NEUA COMPLEX AT VH 2157. EIGHTY-NINE ENEMY FACILITIES INCLUDING 21 TRUCK PARKS, 61 BIVOUAC OR BIVOUAC/STORAGE AREAS CONTAINING 256 BUILDINGS AND 58 ACTIVE CAVES, FIVE STORAGE AREAS, AND TWO FIRING RANGES WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE ROUTE. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY INCLUDED HARVESTING OF THE RICE CROP AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN IRRIGATION DITCH. ROUTE 65 IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND APPEARS TO BE SUSTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF TRAFFIC. NO ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE PORTION OF THE ROAD INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. END OF SUMMARY

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1. ANALYSIS OF GOOD QUALITY, LOW ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALED A HIGH LEVEL OF ENEMY ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 65 FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER TO THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE BAN NAKAY NEUA COMPLEX AT VH 2157. EIGHTY-EIGHT FACILITIES INCLUDING 22 TRUCK PARKS, 60 BIVOUAC OR BIVOUAC/ STORAGE AREAS, 4 STORAGE AREAS AND TWO FIRING RANGES WERE OBSERVED. A TOTAL OF 256 BUILDINGS AND 58 ACTIVE CAVES WERE OBSERVED WITHIN THESE FACILITIES.

2. NO EVIDENCE OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN POSITIONS WAS OBSERVED ALONG THE PORTION OF ROUTE 65 COVERED IN THIS REPORT ALTHOUGH A FEW BOMB CRATERS WERE OBSERVED AS FAR EAST AS VH 367478. ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WERE OBSERVED IN THE BAN NAKAY NEUA AREA WHICH LIES JUST WEST OF THE AREA INCLUDED IN THIS STUDY.

3. NO INDIGENOUS VILLAGES REMAIN ALONG THE ROAD AND ONLY SMALL NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUAL FARM HUTS WERE OBSERVED. COMPLEXES OF ENEMY FACILITIES ARE GENERALLY LOCATED AROUND THE PRIME RICE GROWING AREAS.

A. ONE LARGE COMPLEX IS FOUND IN THE VALLEY EXTENDING FROM VH 2949 TO VH 3947. FACILITIES IN THIS COMPLEX INCLUDE 18 SEPARATE TARGETS CONSISTING OF SEVEN TRUCK PARKS, NINE BIVOUAC/

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STORAGE AREAS, A SMALL-ARMS FIRING RANGE AT VH 352485, AND A FIRING RANGE POSSIBLY FOR CREW SERVED WEAPONS AT VH 312511. A TOTAL OF 31 BUILDINGS AND NINE ACTIVE CAVES WERE OBSERVED. A STAR EMBLEM APPROXIMATELY TEN FEET IN DIAMETER WAS OBSERVED ON THE GROUND IN FRONT OF TRUCK PARK/BIVOUAC AT VH 294499.

B. ANOTHER COMPLEX, LOCATED BETWEEN VH 2353 AND VH 2850, INCLUDES FOUR TRUCK PARKS AND 20 BIVOUAC OR BIVOUAC/STORAGE AREAS CONTAINING 24 FACILITIES INCLUDING FOUR TRUCK PARKS, AND 20 BIVOUAC OR BIVOUAC/STORAGE AREAS CONTAINING 28 CAVES AND 39 BUILDINGS. A POSSIBLE SMALL ARMS FIRING RANGE IS LOCATED AT VH 236544.

C. SEVENTEEN BIVOUAC AREAS CONTAINING 117 BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY, TWO TRUCK PARKS AND TWO STORAGE AREAS ARE LOCATED ALONG THE NARROW RICE GROWING VALLEY FROM VH 4449 TO VH 5944. A POSSIBLE WATER DIVERSION/IRRIGATION DITCH WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT VH 561449.

D. THE ROAD SEGMENT FROM VH 5944 TO THE BORDER CONTAINS TWO LARGE TRUCK PARKS, AND NINE BIVOUAC AREAS CONTAINING 44 BUILDINGS.

E. THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE ROUTE STRUCTURE IN THE ABOVE LISTED COMPLEXES:

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/1/	VH 643432	TRUCK PARK/BIVOUAC - TWO BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY, FOUR TRUCKS OBSERVED.
/2/	VH 638432	TRUCK PARK/BIVOUAC - TWO LARGE BARRACKS, NINE TRUCKS IN PREPARED PARKING AREAS, ROW CROPS PRESENT.
/3/	VH 635436	BIVOUAC/TRUCK PARK - ONE BUILDING, VEHICLE TRACKS UNDER DENSE CANOPY.
/4/	VH 630437	BIVOUAC - ELEVEN BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY.
/5/	VH 629440	BIVOUAC - THREE BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY.
/6/	VH 623442	BIVOUAC - EIGHT BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY.
/7/	VH 619443	BIVOUAC - THREE BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY.
/8/	VH 613435	BIVOUAC - SEVEN BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY 600 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.
/9/	VH 615443	BIVOUAC - FOUR BUILDINGS BESIDE ROAD. TRENCHING, BUNKERS, ROW CROPS NEARBY.
/10/	VH 604431	BIVOUAC - TWO BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY 800 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.
/11/	VH 596454	BIVOUAC - ONE BUILDING AND EXTENSIVE FOOT

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TRAILS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 800 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS NEARBY.

/12/ VH 593447 BIVOUAC -TWO BUILDINGS, ROW CROPS BESIDE ROAD.

/13/ VH 579468 BIVOUAC - AT LEAST FOUR BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY LOCATED 1400 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/14/ VH 578449 BIVOUAC - TWO BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY 400 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/15/ VH 579438 BIVOUAC - THIRTEEN BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY LOCATED 600 METERS FROM MAIN ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/16/ VH 569451 BIVOUAC - ELEVEN BUILDINGS ALONG STEAM NEAR ROAD. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/17/ VH 561449 TRUCK PARK/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS UNDER TREES.

/18/ VH 561454 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO AREA. FOUR BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/19/ VH 559458 BIVOUAC - EIGHT BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 800 METERS FROM ROAD. FOOT TRAIL TO

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ABOVE TARGET. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/20/ VH 546436 BIVOUAC - TEN BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY LOCATED 1000 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS NEARBY.

/21/ VH 543447 STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS FROM ROAD TO CAVE.

/22/ VH 543448 TRUCK PARK.

/23/ VH 533452 BIVOUAC - TWO BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 400 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/24/ VH 526452 BIVOUAC - FOUR BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 900 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL.

/25/ VH 523485 BIVOUAC - TWENTY-FIVE BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY LOCATED 2000 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL.

/26/ VH 506470 BIVOUAC - FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 200 METERS FROM ROAD.

/27/ VH 490464 STORAGE - TWO CAVES LOCATED 200 METERS FROM ROAD.

/28/ VH 474466 BIVOUAC - FIFTEEN BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY LOCATED 600 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT

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/29/ VH 462473 POSSIBLE BIVOUAC - EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 1200 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL.

/30/ VH 451464 BIVOUAC - EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY 100 METERS FROM ROAD.

/31/ VH 446467 BIVOUAC - SIXTEEN BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 300 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL.

/32/ VH 392469 TRUCK PARK - VEHICLE TRACKS OFF ROAD TO CANOPY.

/33/ VH 388477 BIVOUAC - FIVE BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 600 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY OVER WIDE AREA. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/34/ VH 374476 TRUCK PARK - LOCATED UNDER CANOPY BY ABANDONED VILLAGE.

/35/ VH 374480 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY. LOCATED 400 METERS FROM ROAD.

/36/ VH 369476 TRUCK PARK - VEHICLE TRACKS OFF ROAD UNDER CANOPY.

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/37/ VH 369485 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - SEVEN BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF TWO LARGE CAVES LOCATED 600 METERS FROM ROAD. ROW CROPS.

/38/ VH 365485 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - ONE BUILDING AND ROW CROPS IN FRONT OF ACTIVE CAVE.

/39/ VH 367478 TRUCK PARK - LOCATED UNDER CANOPY BY ABANDONED VILLAGE.

/40/ VH 363488 POSSIBLE BIVOUAC - FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY. AREA LOCATED 900 METERS FROM ROAD.

/41/ VH 361480 TRUCK PARK - LOCATED UNDER CANOPY BY ABANDONED VILLAGE.

/42/ VH 357485 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOUR BUILDINGS UNDER DENSE CANOPY AT FOOT OF KARST LOCATED 700 METERS FROM ROAD.

/43/ VH 356488 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - SIX BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF CAVE LOCATED 950 METERS FROM ROAD. TRENCHING AND ROW CROPPING PRESENT.

/44/ VH 356483 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOUR BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF CAVE. ROW CROPS NEARBY.

/45/ VH 352485 FIRING RANGE - CLEARED AREA APPROXIMATELY 120

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BY 40 METERS FOR SMALL ARMS.

/46/ VH 357460 TRUCK PARK - LOCATED UNDER TREES IN AN ABANDONED VILLAGE.

/47/ VH 345490 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOURTEEN BUILDINGS LOCATED IN FRONT OF FOUR CAVES ALONG BASE OF KARST HILL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/48/ VH 349481 TRUCK PARK - LOCATED UNDER TREES IN ABANDONED VILLAGE.

/49/ VH 329489 TRUCK PARK/STORAGE - LOCATED UNDER TREES BESIDE ABANDONED VILLAGE.

/50/ VH 312511 FIRING RANGE - PARALLEL CLEARED LINES APPROXIMATELY (MISSING PORTION) AT END OF LINES.

/51/ VH 308490 TRUCK PARK/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS OFF MAIN ROAD TO CANOPY 550 METERS FROM ROAD.

/52/ VH 303386 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - THREE BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 800 METERS FROM ROAD. EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS OVER WIDE AREA. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/53/ VH 299499 TRUCK PARK/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS OFF ROAD

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TO CANOPY LOCATED 250 METERS FROM ROAD. BUNKERS EXPOSED BY RECENT AIR STRIKES.

/54/ VH 293494 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOUR BUILDINGS UNDER CANOPY. EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS OVER AREA. AREA LOCATED 700 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL.

/55/ VH 294499 TRUCK PARK/BIVOUAC - VEHICLE TRACKS TO CAVE. STAR EMBLEM APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET IN DIAMETER ON GROUND AT WEST SIDE OF AREA. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/56/ VH 295509 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - SEVEN BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF THREE CAVES LOCATED 1200 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/57/ VH 283509 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOUR BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF CAVE LOCATED 900 METERS FROM ROAD. EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY OVER WIDE AREA.

/58/ VH 279510 TRUCK PARK/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS UNDER CANOPY OVER LARGE AREA. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/59/ VH 275507 TRUCK PARK - VEHICLE TRACKS OFF ROAD TO CANOPY.

/60/ VH 273510 TRUCK PARK - LOCATED UNDER TREES IN ABANDONED

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VILLAGE.

/61/ VH 272515 TRUCK PARK/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO TWO CAVES.

/62/ VH 270523 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOUR BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF TWO CAVES LOCATED 500 METERS FROM ROAD. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/63/ VH 263521 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO CAVE WITH BUILDING IN FRONT BESIDE ROAD. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/64/ VH 261521 STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO CAVE BESIDE ROAD.

/65/ VH 259523 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO CAVE BESIDE ROAD. TWO BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF CAVE.

/66/ VH 257526 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO TWO CAVES BESIDE ROAD. FOUR BUILDINGS AND ROW CROPS NEARBY.

/67/ VH 255505 BIVOUAC - SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS AND EXTENSIVE FOOT TRAILS UNDER CANOPY LOCATED 1600 METERS FROM ROAD BY HEAVILY USED FOOT TRAIL.

/68/ V 254524 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOUR BUILDINGS, TRENCHES AND WEAPON POSITIONS AT BASE OF KARST LOCATED 250

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METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

69/ VH 253531 STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO TWO CAVES BESIDE ROAD.

/70/ VH 251532 STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO THREE CAVES.

/71/ VH 251530 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - TWO BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF CAVE BESIDE ROAD. FOOT TRAIL ONLY FROM ROAD.

/72/ VH 246537 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - SPUR ROAD TO TWO CAVES WITH FOUR BUILDINGS IN FRONT LOCATED 300 METERS FROM MAIN ROAD.

/73/ VH 246539 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - SPUR ROAD TO THREE CAVES LOCATED 700 METERS FROM MAIN ROAD. SEVEN BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF CAVE. EXTENSIVE ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/74/ VH 244543 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - SPUR ROAD TO TWO CAVES LOCATED 850 METERS FROM MAIN ROAD. TWO BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF CAVE.

/75/ VH 243528 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - ACTIVE FOOT TRAIL TO TWO CAVES LOCATED 1100 METERS FROM ROAD. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/76/ VH 240544 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - ACTIVE FOOT TRAIL TO CAVE WITH FOUR BUILDINGS IN FRONT LOCATED 800 METERS FROM ROAD.

/77/ VH 239547 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - ACTIVE FOOT TRAIL TO CAVE WITH

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TWO BUILDINGS IN FRONT LOCATED 800 METERS FROM ROAD.

/78/ VH 238526 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOOT TRAIL TO CAVE BESIDE STREAM LOCATED 900 METERS FROM ROAD. EXTENSIVE ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/79/ VH 234541 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO CANOPY. TRACKS CONTINUE TO POSSIBLE BUNKER LOCATED 300 METERS OFF ROAD.

/80/ VH 230543 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS AND FOOT TRAIL OFF ROAD TO CANOPY.

/81/ VH 228541 TRUCK PARK - VEHICLE TRACKS OFF MAIN ROAD TO CANOPY.

/82/ VH 225562 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO KARST CONTAINING FOUR CAVES. TRELLIS OVER PART OF ROAD. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/83/ VH 225560 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO CAVE. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/84/ VH 228557 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - VEHICLE TRACKS TO FOUR CAVES LOCATED 900 METERS FROM ROAD. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/85/ VH 221547 TRUCK PARK - VEHICLE TRACKS OFF MAIN ROAD TO

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CANOPY.

/86/ VH 236544 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOOT TRAIL TO CAVE LOCATED 1400 METERS FROM ROAD. POSSIBLE FIRING RANGE LOCATED NEARBY. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/87/ VH 231551 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - FOOT TRAIL TO TWO CAVES WITH TWO BUILDINGS LOCATED 950 METERS FROM ROAD. ROW CROPS PRESENT.

/88/ VH 230556 BIVOUAC/STORAGE - BUILDING IN FRONT OF CAVE LOCATED 950 METERS FROM ROAD BY FOOT TRAIL.

/89/ VH 228558 BIVOUAC/STORAGE -TWO BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF TWO CAVES LOCATED 1000 METERS FROM ROAD.

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